



## Bill Summary

This bill implements the legislative recommendations of the child support commission by updating the child support guidelines schedule, updating the monthly incomes eligible for a reduced low-income adjustment, and replacing the current parenting time credit with a formula that provides parents credit for all overnights spent with that parent.

## Issue

**-Outdated Child Support Guidelines Burden Low-Income Parents –** Without adjustments for current economic realities, low-income parents may face obligations that exceed their ability to pay, increasing financial instability and the risk of non-payment. HB25-1159 ensures fairness by capping obligations at 10% of income for low-income parents.

**-Failure to Account for Shared Custody Arrangements –** Existing child support calculations do not reflect modern parenting dynamics, leading to unfair financial burdens on parents who share caregiving responsibilities. HB25-1159 modernizes overnight credits to ensure obligations align with actual parenting time.

**-Unfair Treatment of Extraordinary Medical Expenses –** Current guidelines may not adequately account for extraordinary medical costs, placing excessive financial strain on one parent. HB25-1159 ensures these expenses are shared more fairly, preventing hardship while maintaining necessary care for children.

## Solution

By balancing parental responsibility with economic feasibility, HB25-1159 ensures children receive the financial support they need while reducing the risk of non-payment and financial hardship. A contemporary, just, and sustainable child support system benefits families, courts, and communities alike

**HB25-1159:**

## Child Support Commission Recommendations

**House Sponsors: Representatives  
Joseph and English**

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